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TAGS: SWEL, GR  
SUBJ: ALLEGED PROHIBITION OF "FENFORMIN"

1. THE GREEK MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ANTI-DIABETIC DRUG "FENFORMIN", THE USE OF WHICH HAS, ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, HAS BEEN RECENTLY PROHIBITED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE. "FENFORMIN" IS WIDELY USED IN GREECE AS INGREDIENT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF SEVERAL ANTI-DIABETIC DRUGS.
  2. THE GREEK MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE VERIFICATION OF THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN CASE THE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE, THE GREEK MINISTRY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING PERTINENT SCIENTIFIC DATA WHICH RESULTED IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF "FENFORMIN".
  3. IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE REQUEST AN EARLY REPLY WOULD EASE THE ANXIETY WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM THE WIDE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE MATTER.
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